

## BELLOWS FALLS.

CONGRATULATING MR. ROBB.

His Appointment to a Government Position at a Salary of \$3000 a Year Will Not Cause His Removal.

The many local friends of Charles H. Robb have been heartily congratulating him the last two days upon his appointment to an important official position under the United States government. The appointment is made under section 12 of the revised internal revenue law, by which the secretary of the treasury and the commissioner of internal revenue are authorized to employ a competent person whose special duty it shall be to conduct such investigations as shall be necessary to secure the enforcement of the tax upon legacies throughout the United States. The salary is fixed by law at \$3000 per annum and expenses. The law also provides for the employment of whatever special agents shall be necessary to aid in such investigations.

Mr. Robb was asked about a month ago if he would accept the appointment and Wednesday afternoon he received a telephone message from Senator Dillingham saying that he had been recommended for the place by the commissioner of internal revenue. This appointment will not call for Mr. Robb's removal from Bel lows Falls, nor will it interfere seriously with his practice of law, which is an important matter to him locally. Mr. Robb has been in the practice of his profession here for about seven years and during that time he has entered into the business and social life of our village to a marked degree, resulting in his very general popularity among all classes. All will be glad to learn of his good fortune. The appointment takes effect May 1st.

## A GROWING INSTITUTION.

Business of the Labaree Veterinary Company increased \$21,000 last year.

The Labaree Veterinary Medicine company have this week moved their office from the west side of the square to the store recently occupied by the Howard Drug company in the new arm building. As their laboratory is in the same building they now have three or four above their office and their rapidly increasing business is much better accommodated by being together. The company are employing five persons in the office and laboratory here and four men on the road. Commencing Feb. 1st Dr. F. C. Wilkinson, who for many years has enjoyed an enviable reputation as a veterinarian in the Connecticut valley, entered the employ of this company and is now representing the firm in the vicinity of Boston.

The Claremont Advocate of recent date, after mentioning the purchase of a large order for pamphlet and color printing for the company with that office makes this pleasant reference to their business:

"The success of this company in securing a profitable market is one of the noteworthy features of Connecticut valley business and is due to two great causes: The excellence and reliability of its wares, and to persistent and intelligent advertising. The public is first induced by advertisements to try the medicines, and after that the medicines are their own verdict. Last year the business of the company increased \$21,000 over the year preceding, and it is now growing even more rapidly. The company is one of the largest shippers at Bel lows Falls. It is wisely managed, and is a benefit to the community."

## Lunch Rooms Closed at 1 A. M.

In our village the night lunch room has come to be an important factor, there now being six different ones running night and day, seven days in the week. During the past year the appearance and surroundings of the most of these have indicated the sale of a large amount of beer, and many citizens charge that it has not been entirely within the so-called "2 percent," the sale of which the law does not prohibit. This the proprietors stoutly deny. For some months there has been a growing tendency of young men to gather in these places late at night and spend their time in shuffling and other questionable games. This has become so much a cause of complaint that the balliffs Monday night adopted an order to be served upon each of these places and the pool rooms, closing them all every night from 1 o'clock until the night shifts at the mills, until 6 a. m., and restricting the Sunday business to the serving of regular boarders, of which the cafes have each a number. The order is one that will commend itself to the good judgment of our people. In every case, and there have been many, where young men have left these places late at night in an intoxicated condition, the proprietors claimed that they had stopped in on their way home from visits to the saloons in North Walpole. It is a matter to be regretted that the actions about these places do not indicate that our village is as free from the appearance of the saloon element as was so much commented upon two or three years ago.

## The Young Men's Club.

The third annual banquet of the Young Men's club will occur in the vestry of the Congregational church Wednesday evening of next week. A hot turkey supper will be served and at the post-prandial exercises the principal speaker of the evening will be Hon. D. J. Foster of Burlington, member of Congress from the first district. He will take as his theme, "A Century of Democracy." A reception will be given by the club in honor of Congressman Foster from 7 to 7:30. The president of the club, W. C. Belknap, will act as toast master, calling out a number of other prominent speakers who are to be present. The annual banquets of the Young Men's club have come to be a prominent feature of the citizenship of our village, and have been largely attended and very successful. Last year the principal speaker was Hon. C. A. Prouty and two years ago Hon. W. P. Dillingham. Dr. George H. Gorham, the chairman of the executive committee, has spared no pains to make this year's banquet even more enjoyable than the preceding ones.

## The High Water.

The high water in the Connecticut caused some anxiety during Sunday.

and Monday, it being within two or three feet of the danger line at the tunnel, but it has since then fallen steadily. Sunday it came into a number of lower mills and perishable stock and tools had to be removed. It is still so high that the lower mills are unable to run because of back water on the wheels, and a number of men are temporarily out of work, although some important repairs are being made which employ most of them.

## Electric Road Tied Up.

The electric road has been tied up a portion of the time the past week, although cars are running regularly the last two days. The high water of Sunday raised the Saxtons river to the extent of covering the road bed to some depth across Sablin's meadow, and when the water went down Monday it was found that quite an amount of the embankment was washed away. This has been temporarily fixed by putting in a quantity of ties and the bank will be replaced as soon as the ground is settled. While the cars were unable to run through Liverman Road of Saxtons River met the cars at Sablin's bridge and took the passengers to and from Saxtons River with his teams.

## "Sowing the Seeds."

O. M. Tinkham of Pomfret has been in the past week canvassing for F. G. Carpenter's new book upon South America. He is enthusiastic about it in his assertions that Gen. McCullough is the only proper man to fill the gubernatorial chair of the state the next term, although he asserts that Dr. Webb is attempting to steal it from him.

Mrs. Dr. E. L. Campbell has been quite ill the past two weeks, and is now recovering slowly.

Work is progressing rapidly upon the new electric light plant on Bridge street and the entire work is to be completed by June 1st.

Patrick McAuliffe, who was night clerk at Towns hotel for the last year, has a position of the same kind at the Ludlow house at Ludlow.

The schools of the village all open next Monday morning after the Easter holidays of two weeks. There are to be no changes in the teachers for this last term of the year.

Mrs. W. F. Hazleton has been spending the past ten days at her old home at Nashua, N. H. The doctor met her in Boston yesterday and they will return here tomorrow.

Charles Butterfield is arranging to erect a line of six additional small tenement houses on the south side of Butterfield court this spring, and work will be begun at once upon them.

Chas. W. Coffey, whose serious illness and removal to Windsor was noticed last week, died there last Friday. He was for some time employed in the barber shop of J. E. Byrnes on Canal street.

All the offices in the second story of the opera house block are having a new coat of paint and kalsomine this week. They include E. C. Leonard's, Geo. A. Weston's, Chas. H. Robb's, and L. L. Walker's.

State Inspector of Finance Platt of Postoffice and National Bank Examiner Fish of Vergennes were in town yesterday making their regular inspection of the two banks of the village. They went north on the noon train.

Sol Smith Russell's famous comedy drama, "A Poor Relation," which is to be given this evening at the opera house, under the management of J. E. Broadman, has commanded a good advance sale of seats and is looked forward to with much expectation.

H. C. Richardson, proprietor of the shoe store on Westminster street, was taken seriously ill nearly two weeks ago, and soon after submitted to an operation for appendicitis, which was successfully performed by Doctors Miner and Allbee. He is rapidly recovering and will soon be back at his place of business.

John W. Flint and family reached Bel lows Falls Wednesday afternoon in a special Pullman car attached to the afternoon express from New York. The family, who have been spending the winter at Thomaston, Ga., have now opened their residence on the south terrace which was entirely remodeled for them last summer.

J. C. Day has bought the large residence near the south end of Atkinson street owned by Mrs. Lydia A. B. and will move into it within a few days. Mrs. B. will remain with Mr. Day's family for the present. Mr. Day has lived in the same house on School street nearly 20 years, and the change to a more modern one will be a gratification to Mr. and Mrs. Day and their many friends.

Miss Mary Dascow will open her kindergarten in the old high school building next Monday. She has spent the last two weeks in Boston, Brookline and vicinity visiting and getting ideas from other schools of similar kind, and all the great organs of the which has for some years been eminently successful, and Miss Dascow is entitled to credit for hard and persistent work in bringing it up to its present standard.

Despite the unpleasant weather Sunday the Easter congregations at the different churches were large, and the services in each were of a high order. Had the day been a pleasant one it would have been more generally observed and celebrated than in any former years, the previous arrangements being upon a larger scale than usual. A heavy rain prevailed all day, making it one of the most unpleasant of the season.

A large number of men have gone from this vicinity during the past week to assist in running the logs of the International Paper company's two drives along the north side of the river. The amount cut by the company the past winter is somewhat larger than formerly, the amount each year steadily increasing. The snow is still deep along the smaller streams farther north, but preparations are being made to start the logs somewhat earlier than in most years.

A movement is being made to revive interest in the athletic club which has the lease of the grounds at the north end of the village. The grounds are excellent shape, about 1200 having been spent upon them last season and little requiring to be done this year. The whole amount spent last year was not raised, and an effort is being made to place 160 shares of the stock at \$5 per share, and it is probable baseball games and other sports will be arranged for this year if enough are interested in the matter.

The address of Rev. J. H. Reid Sunday evening in reply to Bishop Hall's letter giving reasons for his opposing

the present prohibitory law was one which drew a large audience despite the unpropitious weather. The address was well spoken of by all who heard it, and its having been fully quoted in the Free Press of Monday, and other state papers, has brought out extensive and favorable comment in all quarters. Some of the prominent points made by Mr. Reid are given in an article elsewhere in this paper.

Four flat cars standing in the railroad yard across the river last Sunday were the centre of considerable interest, they having upon them the eastings belonging to two of the largest-sized disappearing gun carriages, and the machinery connected with them. Two of the cars had the bottoms taken out and placed an immense casting laid down partly through the bottom, it being necessary to have the casting reach within six inches of the rails in order to clear the bridges at the top. They were being shipped from the Watertown, Mass., arsenal to the fortifications at Point Lobos in San Francisco harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Maynard, who have had charge of Kurn-Hattin Homes at Westminster, expect to come to Bel lows Falls today to board for a few weeks, resting after their five years of confining work. The new superintendent of the homes came a day or two ago and have taken charge. The plans of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard for the future are quite indefinite, and the many warm friends made during their stay in this vicinity will wish them much happiness wherever they may locate. Their work has been faithful and painstaking in the interest of the many boys and girls who have come under their care.

Thurs. Walter Taylor died last night, Thursday, at Bartonsville, after a long illness. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the new church at 380 Locust street, and the burial will be in the churchyard. He had been a communicant of the church many years. Capt. Taylor's military title was gained through his rank in the militia years ago. He was a prominent member of the church and a devoted citizen. He was the son of the late Capt. Taylor, who was a member of the church many years. Capt. Taylor's military title was gained through his rank in the militia years ago. He was a prominent member of the church and a devoted citizen. He was the son of the late Capt. Taylor, who was a member of the church many years.

## GRAFTON.

Miss Maida Campbell has returned to the hospital at Bel lows Falls.

Mrs. L. St. John of Bel lows Falls is with Mr. A. J. French now.

Mrs. F. C. Welch is spending a few weeks at her farm home here.

Miss Sarah Ayers is at home from Boston, where she spent the winter.

Lynne Walker is at home from Vermont Academy for a ten days' vacation.

The Pettengill boys have been at home for a week's vacation from school at Manchester, Nt.

Miss Templeton went to Burlington to attend the training school for nurses at the hospital there.

Mrs. Adams of Manchester and Mrs. Stowell of Walpole, who were called here by the illness of J. G. Adams, returned to their homes on Saturday last.

## SAXTONS RIVER.

This Friday morning, Martin Severance is considered a little more comfortable.

Mrs. H. Ballou and children are spending a few days at home with Mrs. Hubbard.

Miss Lane of Keene is spending some days with her aunt and cousins at Mrs. Pettengill's.

Mr. Connor began house-building preparations Thursday for his new home on Westminster street.

Correspondence from Saxtons River, Westminster, Westminster West and Cambridgeport will be found on Page 5.

Up to the present time 41,000 applications for pensions have been received at the War Department, not including the disabilities incurred as a result of service in the Philippines.

America will have to look after her laurels as the fastest nation on earth. Here is Germany, with an electric motor train that travels 125 miles an hour, and without difficulty, according to our congressional at Frankfurt.

England, unless the plans of the promoters fail, is also to have a high-speed electric line between Manchester and Liverpool, that will cover the distance, 34 miles, in 20 minutes, or at the rate of 102 miles an hour.

A herd of about 20 deer have yarded the past winter on the hill back of the farm of M. J. Chamberlain in Barnard.

The news of Russia's decision not to preclude the loan agreement was received at Yokohama, says a despatch, with a feeling of relief. In anticipation of complications that might ensue, the government had resolved to postpone a number of important undertakings involving large expenditures.

## April Showers

Wash away the filth and waste that have accumulated during the winter. In the manner Hood's Sarsaparilla expels from the blood impurities that have been deposited during the season when there has been little perspiration and perhaps constant confinement in impure and vitiated air. It is a boon to tired mothers, housekeepers, teachers and others who spend their time indoors.

It gives the blood richness and vitality, fitting it to nourish and strengthen the nerves, muscles and all the great organs of the body. It cures all spring humors and banishes that tired feeling. It is the best medicine money can buy for all diseases caused by impure or impoverished blood. You should begin taking it today.

## Zinc and Grinding Make

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## Today You Can Ask

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## Chronic Constipation Cured.

The most important discovery of recent years is the positive remedy for constipation. Cascarets Candy Cathartic. Cure guaranteed. Genuine tablets stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. Druggists, rec.

## ELLENEN.

There was a cheerful noise within the house that mid-winter day, but Mary Ann Dunn looked up innocently from her ironing as her pretty younger sister opened the door and came in. Ellen, who had just arrived from town in the late autumn, she was still a greenhorn, in spite of the first snow and several weeks' steady work in the cotton mills of the next town, and even in spite of a fine American hat which waved its feathers in a sort of angry inhale.

Mary Ann's two babies were playing with a puppy, and the three young creatures seemed to cover the whole floor. There was a door open behind them into a comfortable bedroom, and a bright clean oilcloth on the floor of the kitchen; there was a gay little clacking clock on the high chimney shelf above the stove, with a pair of shining lamps. Everything was cheerfully clean and thrifty in the warm little place, and Mary Ann herself looked as if she were able to keep her housekeeping up to the highest standard.

"Well, there now!" she exclaimed with an almost ostentatious air of hospitality. "How are ye the day, Ellen? I was after wishing you here a minute ago; how come you out?"

"I'm loafing for the afternoon," said the guest disconsolately. "There was something stopped with the machinery. I wish fast enough I was out altogether. I'll never get learnt, anyway; me mind ain't on it."

"Oh, go 'way!" responded Mary Ann vigorously.

"This thrue for me. I'm getting pay now only for their being so short-handed; but me mind ain't on it nor in it, so it ain't."

Mary Ann made an inarticulate sound signifying contempt. "Come over an' give yer a lift wit' the housework," ventured Ellen somewhat timidly.

"Well, I'm obliged to your kindness," said Mary Ann amiably. "I've enough to do, 'tis thrue for me. The biggest one, Hinky there, is waiting on the night wit' the horse, and I'd small chance to sleep."

"Coom, Hinky, coom an' see aunty Ellen," said the visitor, who was still standing, and turned now to show an interest in the three playmates.

"Well, I'll go lay me hat in on the bed, but I might be picking off all me feathers if our backs 'ould be turned."

"No, no, give it here to me; Hinky 'd be on the bed after it alther than any place," exclaimed Mary Ann anxiously. "Give us yer jacket too, an' put it on the bed, an' sit down on the back behind the door. Sit down wit' yourself by the stove an' rest a while till we talk a bit. What's all the news?"

"I'd rather be doing something," protested Ellen.

"Well, I'm ironing most done," answered Mary Ann, "an' I'll be thinking what I'd best do next. Fails, I've enough of it. Hinky, there, ain't got a whole flock nor a decent petticoat to put on. He's the torment, anyway."

"The smiling Hinky told over to his aunt, any made an attempt at familiar speech."

"Tis sweeties he do be asking for," explained the intelligent mother. "No more sweeties 'il he get, the day, I can tell him!"

"Did you get me sweeties the day, darlin'?" asked Ellen with ready sympathy as she lifted the solid, unwilling little shape to her lap, whence he promptly slipped to the floor again, to stand facing her at a safe distance, and begin a second series of perfectly unintelligible remarks.

"Rity or you, you out learn to talk like a Christian, a great man of a shill like you!" scoffed his mother with assumed severity. "See how well your aunty can't get the sense of a word you say. 'Tis of the nice grocer man he's been talking about."

"There's a sweetie in his pocket for Hinky. Well, then, you should have the pride to talk like other folks, as I'm always advising you."

Hinky had not more than reached the age of two years, but he was evidently animated by a fiery spirit that served him well in the place of experience. He now stamped his little foot and protested loudly, but his elders went on talking over his head with perfect indifference, and presently he was returned, in the least sulky, to the lively company of the smaller children and their friendly little dog.

"I'm sorry enough that I ever come out," Ellen announced regretfully, after a pause.

"Ain't you the big fool?" remarked the eldest, who was well married and settled in a good tenement, which even afforded a best room and a magnificent piano lamp with a yellow silk shade, a wedding present given by her man's associates at the gas-house.

"I never saw the half day, I wanted to be out, but I was eviled by a great crowd of folks. I might like just to see the folks an' make a little visit of two-three weeks. Himself was having great talk last night about his own old folks, and sometime he'd get a couple of months off an' we'd go home. He'd like well to show Hinky there to his father."

"What talk you have of home like a lord, says I; for meself I'd rather the money was well in the bank than spending it on them dirty ships 'go home.' I'd like well enough to see me mother too," she added more softly, "but John's a great boy to spend his money if I wa'n't sharp wit' him. I've deceived him that a good deal wit' to pay the grocer's books that's safe in the bank this minute. Only last night he come home wit' a suit of clothes for Hinky there, that was a good thing, sizes too big. I'm all put back wit' me ironin'; I had to go carry 'em back to the store this morning soon as me dishes was done."

"Tis better than the stinky kind," sighed Ellen.

"Ain't you downhearted the day?" "Lorin'! no good for you," said Mary Ann as she came briskly to the stove for a hot iron and stood for a moment holding it near her cheek. "Whisper now; what kind of a by was Danny, John's next brother, the one that they kept at home on the land? John has great talk of him bein' so smart; but he's far too foolish about his own folks, we all know."

"Oh, he's the lovely by," he's twice as handsome as John—I ain't sayin' but John's good-looking too," responded Ellen with a lively blush. "Oh, I think very often of poor Danny," she added softly.

"We parted very angry, too, wit' each other."

Ellen grew rosier still, and the tears shone in her pretty eyes and were winked away, and then came back again at once. "Twas all my fault," she managed to say.

"Well, there's no harm done," Mary Ann insisted kindly. "There's a smart by's enough to be choosing—pretty

by's, too. Jerry Callahan was walkin' wit' you last Sunday."

"He's a great lot, so he is," said Ellen with sudden fury. "I turned down a street to get rid of his company. Great omdhaun!"

"An' Phil Carroll's a good fellow that came away from Mass wit' you on the Sunday before. Oh, there's little birds tells me everything; an' all the by's said you was the prettiest girl on the floor last Saturday's dance a week ago."

"But Ellen would not be cheered. "Tis all talkin' then," she answered gloomily. "Tis all them fools has to talk about, is other people and what they does."

"John says his brother Dan's got his mind on some girl now; I don't know who it was told him—now that I'm sure of it. He's a good girl at home, that lived on this side the road beyond Bonnelly's. She always wanted him," said Ellen after a strange little pause, but the color all left her bright cheeks. Mary Ann did not look round, but seemed more than usually intent on her ironing work.

"She had money too, hadn't she?" Mary Ann persisted.

"Folks said it of her; 'twas from an old aunt in Dublin that she got named after. Some said it was forty pounds—there was conversation about nothing else an' I coming away."

Ellen spoke slowly as if with much effort. "What come between you an' Danny, then, if you liked him?" asked Mary Ann with the authority and directness of an elder sister and a married woman.

"Twas me own foolishness; there ain't a day but I says it," answered Ellen mournfully. "I never thought of any one but poor Danny, an' I never was satisfied till I'd find some way to leave him. He'd them honest eyes like John's, that'd be lookin' at you all the time like an old dog, and he'd take every word a girl said for the truth, an' I wint too far wit' tellin' him he'd no wish for any one but the Desmond girl since she got her money."

"Most like 'twas but forty shillings in the stead of pounds," said Mary Ann consolingly. "Well, an' what happened then?"

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## Northfield Bridge Hearing.

The legislative committee on railroads, Senator Luscomb, chairman, accompanied by Representatives Casey of Lee, Stowell of New Salem and Goddard of Montpelier, came to Northfield, Mass., Friday in relation to the bridge question.

The old wooden bridge over the Connecticut river used by the Central Vermont railroad and for a highway underneath has been condemned. It is a question whether the town shall contribute \$10,000 toward the cost of a new bridge to be used by the railroad and also as a highway, or whether a bridge shall be built a half-mile higher up. In the latter case the railroad corporation will have to pay the entire cost of the railroad-bridge, and the upper bridge would be paid for by \$10,000 contributed by the town and \$25,000 which would be secured by friends of the Moody schools.

The old bridge and the proposed site for the new one were inspected Friday. After dinner there was a hearing at the town hall. About 100 representative citizens were present.

Amos G. Moody, Leonard K. Smith, Osmond L. Leach, E. C. Field and A. A. Long were all in favor of delay for a year so that the \$35,000 can be raised and the town own its own bridge. R. K. Caldwell was opposed to delay. C. H. Webster favored the old site.

Dr. A. L. Newton opposed the town's paying more than \$10,000. In any event, two test votes were taken. One asking for a postponement for a year received 40 affirmative and 20 negative votes.